Wreckers, Chapter 10

Evaluating Details

AS your read, it is important that you differentiate important details from unimportant details. You should be able to pick out the aspects of your reading that are important to the plot, and those which have very little impact or value to the story line.

In the details below, evaluate the events as I (important) or U (unimportant).

1. The water spout was shaped like a fish head.

2. Mary leaves flowers on the graves of dead heroes.

3.There is nobody in Pendennis when Mary and John arrive.

4. John whistles a tune his father would recognize.

5. As they walked inland, the wind was behind them.

6. John’s heartbeat sounded like the whistling of an owl.

7. As John whistles, he hears scratching in response.

8. John finds his father in a drainpipe.

9. Clumps of grass grew where the wall was worn away.

10. The water he gave his father tasted like lime.

Next, rank-order the events below in order of importance from pages 99-105.

Mary places flowers in the graves.

John sends Mary to get the horses.

John finds where his father is being held.

John tells us about his mother’s death.

Two women pass them in the street, and John and Mary hide.

Predict: This chapter is called “Wrapped in Chains”. What is the KEY EVENT of the chapter that made the author name it this?